



**THE VILLAGE**  
AT INCARNATE WORD

# THE VIEW

A Publication for Residents, Staff, Families, and  
Friends of The Village at Incarnate Word



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## OUR MISSION

To extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve.

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## Message From Paul Harrison

*President and  
Chief Executive Officer*



Dear friends of The Village at Incarnate Word,

I hope this edition of The View finds you safe and well.

"Waiting on the World to Change," released by singer-songwriter John Mayer, is a song I listen to often. It resonates with me as politics and the pandemic seem to dominate our days while we wait for the world to change.

The staff and residents of TVIW are blessed to have Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI, as our Mission Integration Director. Each morning Sr. Shirley emails the staff a daily scripture reflection. I find when contemplating her messages, that modern times are not that different from Biblical times. Political chaos and disease were just as much a part of their lives as they are a part of ours. It may be the world never changes, it just ebbs and flows to a rhythm. We have good times and bad.

What does help my sanity is reflecting on the positive. In this edition of The View TVIW highlights many positive contributions by residents and staff in 2020. Regardless of the conflicting messaging from regulators, PPE shortages, staffing struggles, and quarantines, both The Village staff and residents have kept their chins up, continued to encourage one another, and have moved forward during these difficult times. As you read this edition, I think you will find that our residents and staff are extraordinary.

While 2020 will go down as a challenging year, we hope for better times knowing change did come to the world in the person of Jesus Christ. His ministry, death, and resurrection disrupted the world's rhythm and we are reminded that He walks our road with us.

Kindest regards to all,



# Grateful Lives

Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI

LIVING OUR MISSION

Internationally renowned spiritual writer Henri Nouwen wrote,

*“True spiritual gratitude embraces all of our past, the good as well as the bad events, the joyful as well as the sorrowful moments. From the place where we stand, everything that took place brought us to this place, and we want to remember all of it as part of God’s guidance. That does not mean that all that happened in the past was good, but it does mean that even the bad didn’t happen outside the loving presence of God. . . Once all of our past is remembered in gratitude, we are free to be sent into the world to proclaim good news to others.”*

As the year draws to a close, I think most people feel that they will be very happy to say “Goodbye!” to 2020. The many “issues” that have converged this year seemed overwhelming. Yet we must give thanks for this year and all its challenges. Without a doubt, God has been with us.



We have seen God in our staff. As the yard signs proclaim, they are our heroes. Due to their vigilance, we have had very few cases of COVID-19 in our community. Their dedication to the residents and to the mission of The Village at Incarnate Word is shown in their carefulness in their personal lives, avoiding crowds and keeping themselves healthy. Furthermore, they overcome their own fears and come to work each day, conscious that our residents are counting on them for care, help and compassion.

We have seen God in our families, who have learned to FaceTime, Skype and Zoom to see their loved ones when visiting was not allowed. Families have sent cards and surprise packages to let their loved ones know they are indeed loved and never forgotten.

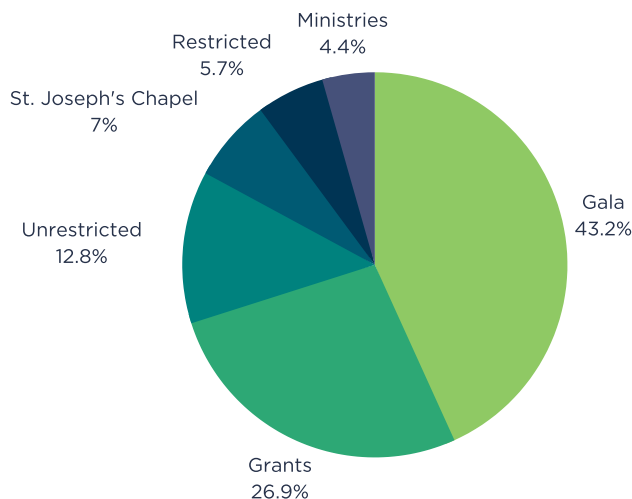
We have seen God present in our residents, who do their best to stay positive and even to reach out to those who may be having a harder time coping. We have seen God in our faithful resident-volunteers, who check on their neighbors, who serve as lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. As young children, we learned that God is everywhere, but in our wisdom years, we learn that God is here among us.

We remember 2020 in gratitude – after all, we survived! – and now “we are set free to proclaim good news to others” and to continue our mission of extending the healing ministry of Jesus Christ to all those we serve.

## ON THE COVER

TVIW resident, Jeanette, enjoys family time during an outdoor visit. Special thanks to our Resident Services staff for organizing countless socially distanced visits to keep everyone safe, happy, and healthy!

## FY19/20 Donations Sep. 1, 2019 - Aug. 31, 2020



## We Depend on Sustaining Partners Like You!

The pandemic will continue to make a significant impact on the health and safety of TVIW, the greater San Antonio community, our country and the world. Please consider The Village at Incarnate Word when determining year-end charitable gifts. Contributions are tax-deductible.

## Overview

The Village at Incarnate Word is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit established in 1988. We were built upon the principles of serving with compassion and respect. These values are at the heart of everything we do from our thriving community, to in-home personal care, and outreach wellness programs throughout San Antonio.

## As we come to the end of 2020, TVIW is very thankful.

Community support of TVIW's charitable ministries and COVID-19 emergency response efforts have made a significant impact.

TVIW's largest event to date, the 2020 Champagne & Shamrock Gala, raised \$213,965. Combined with generous individual, foundation and corporate contributions, gifts this year were in excess of \$500,000.

## COVID-19 Expenses

March - August 2019

PPE, Hand Sanitizer, Disinfectant and more

**\$68,673**

Quarantine Room Service (food, disposable containers, utensils, etc.)

**\$70,000**

Medical grade sanitizer sprayer

**\$2,800**

COVID Testing & Monitoring

**\$22,372**

Two Secure Entrances for Health Screening

**\$64,680**

Meal Delivery Carts

**\$4,728**

## DONOR IMPACT

**1 IN 4 TVIW RESIDENTS**



receive monthly financial assistance

**MORE THAN 3,600**



hours of in-home care services provided to low-income seniors

**24/7 COMMUNITY OUTREACH**



Virtual wellness programming is always available online

## Federal Stimulus CARES Act

Gifts must be made by December 31, 2020

## Universal Tax Deduction

Up to \$300 for an individual, \$600 for married-filing-jointly, taxpayers taking standard deduction will get an above-the-line deduction on 2020 federal tax return.

## 60% AGI Cap Raised to 100%

For those itemizing their tax returns, either individually or jointly, the maximum cash gift allowable is 60% of adjusted gross income. That level has been raised to 100%, if given directly to nonprofit. Corporations deducting charitable donations up to 10% of taxable income can raise this amount to 25% in 2020.

Did you know about these charitable giving incentives?



# TVIW Tributes

Who will you Honor?

DEVELOPMENT

#GivingTuesday, a global day of generosity, is December 1st, but we will be celebrating through December 31st. Join us in honoring those who have made a significant impact in your life with a #GivingTuesday Tribute.

In this issue, we highlight just a few TVIW heroes, friends, and family. Many more will be featured online, in social media, and at our #GivingTuesday Tribute pop-up displayed through the end of 2020 at The Village.

**Submit your tribute online at [bit.ly/tviwtribute](https://bit.ly/tviwtribute)!**

## In Honor of Alberta Rutland



**"I would like to honor my aunt Alberta for her relentless strength. It's an honor for our family to praise, support, witness, and most of all, love a woman like my aunt Alberta."**

**Doris Singleton**

## In Honor of the Lowry Family



**"TVIW lost long-time resident, advocate, and donor, Dr. James Lowry, on April 4, 2020. He was a wonderful friend whom we miss dearly. His family continues to support The Village in their Dad's memory. Dr. Lowry leaves an enduring legacy."**

**Niki Simpson**

## In Honor of Lupe Valdez



**"I had the privilege of working with Lupe in Sisters Care just before she retired. Not only was Lupe committed to TVIW, she had a special place in her heart for all the clients that crossed her path."**

**Lilly Vasquez**



*'tis the season*

**This giving season,  
give the gift of love!**

### **Stuck on what to get the person who has everything?**

Give a gift in their honor or in memory of their loved one! Tributes are a touching way to show you care.

**For help planning your year-end giving, call 210.829.7561 x 190  
or email [give@thevillageiw.org](mailto:give@thevillageiw.org).**



## A Note From the Editors...

In 2020, TVIW found new ways to commemorate feast days, birthdays, and holidays. We honored veterans, health care workers, and staff. TVIW celebrated its 32nd anniversary, and observed a day of remembrance for those who have gone before us. Through it all, TVIW has remained strong! We hope you enjoy reading this issue as much as we enjoyed putting it all together.

- Niki Simpson, Terri Landez, Lilly Vasquez





The Village at Incarnate Word takes health and safety seriously. Strict protocols are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Residents and staff are required to wear face masks, practice social distancing, limit group meeting size, interaction time, and in more serious cases, quarantine.

All these protective measures can make maintaining physical and mental health difficult. As we provide a safe environment for residents to continue their fitness regimen, activities, and monthly meetings facilitated by instructors, presenters, and staff, we have bridged the gap through virtual engagement.

TVIW is proud to announce a new in-house channel, 1893, dedicated to fitness, educational, and informational content. Broadcasting live from the Assembly Room, simultaneous access is available on resident's televisions allowing for participation with instructor or staff led activities, adding group interaction in a safe and health way.

*Socially distanced fitness classes, like the ones pictured to the left, are offered Monday-Friday at The Village. Daily Mass can still be found on in-house channel 1890. For more information, call 210-829-7561, or visit [www.thevillageiw.org](http://www.thevillageiw.org).*

## Get Involved!

YOU can help spread holiday cheer!

Help TVIW be

# MERRY AND BRIGHT

TVIW is accepting Christmas cards for our residents!

Send notes to the address below:

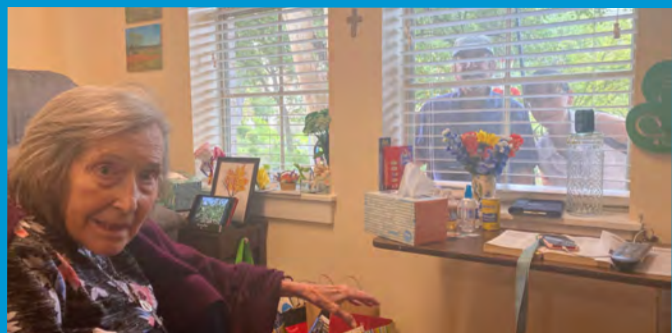
The Village at Incarnate Word  
Attn: Christmas Card Drive  
4707 Broadway  
San Antonio, TX 78209



Pictured:  
Headwaters  
volunteers  
beautifying  
TVIW's grounds.



# AROUND THE HOUSE



Family window visit at DeMatel



Visitors wave to the camera



Hortense visiting the UIW Pumpkin Patch



Betsy, Gladys, and Mildred having cocktails on National Rum Day



Ila completing an art project



The annual Bailey's toast - a TVIW tradition!



Sr. Bernadette and Sr. Rose Mary enjoy the TVIW Friends photobooth



Lovebirds Byron and Betty dancing in CHRISTUS Heritage Hall



Carol, Robert, and Sr. Consuelo celebrating Senior Day 2020





**Thank you to all  
TVIW resident  
and staff veterans  
for your service.**

## Resident Veterans

Jay Beamesderfer, Army/MS  
Homer Blair, Air Force  
Jack Blanchette, Army  
Robert Brown, Army  
Col. T. R. Byrne, Army/MS  
Frank Casanova, Air Force  
James Coleman, Army  
Sr. Margaret Daly, American Red Cross  
Betty Davila, Nurse Cadet Corp  
Dr. Joseph DeGasperi, Army  
Nicola "Nicki" Frey, US Marine Corps  
+ Patrick Gardner, Army  
Dr. George Gates, Navy  
+ Vernon Griffith, Air Force  
Herb Himmel, Navy  
Robert Hodnett, Army  
Robert Irwine, Army  
Gerhard Janson, Air Force  
Richard Jodry, Army  
Robert Keahey, Army  
Joseph Kelly, Army  
James Lohman, Army  
Jack Love, Air Force  
Luis Martinez Estrada, Air Force  
Alan McDonald, Air Force  
Barrett McKinney, Navy  
John Meneghetti, Navy  
Raymond Moehle, Navy  
Dr. Gilbert Murillo, Air Force  
Andrew Pomeroy, Navy, Army, Air Force  
Sr. Elia Rosas, Nurse Cadet Corp  
Charles Schmidt, Army  
Byron Sherouse, Army  
Jacqueline Smith, Army Nurse Cadet  
+ Eugene Stanley, Army  
Dr. John Vardiman, Army  
John Westkaemper, Navy  
Benedict Wiatrek, Navy  
John W. Wright, Army  
Dr. Vernon G. Zunker, Merchant Marine

## Staff Veterans

Maria Aguilar, Army  
Josephine DeBrose, Army  
Ernestina "Tina" Garcia, Navy  
Paul Harrison, Army  
Renaldo Mitchell, Navy  
Benito Ramirez, Army

+ Recently  
Deceased

While reflecting on Sacred Scripture, I was inspired by Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians: "We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair" (2 Cor. 4:8 NRSV). As our nation tries to make sense of this new normal in which we are living, I find myself saying over and over to friends and family, "We have been tested, yet not broken."

Like my co-workers, I strive to be socially responsible at TVIW and at home for the safety and wellbeing of others, and, in particular, our residents. As the virus continues to throw us curves, exercising patience is challenging when others sometimes seem not to care.

I have learned, as many of our residents, staff, and family members, to be a more effective and efficient communicator. In addition to social media, there are new technologies at our disposal to unite us amid separation.

It is true that we have been afflicted in every way and perplexed - tested - by the many restrictions, regulations, necessary quarantines, uncomfortable COVID testing, wearing face masks, and temperature checks throughout the day. But we have not been crushed or driven to despair - yet not broken. Because of the effort, dedication, cooperation, spirit of selflessness, sacrifice, and love our residents and staff have shown one another, we continue to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ here and beyond the walls of The Village at Incarnate Word.

**For more information, call 210.829.7561 x 967.**



*John on Grandparent's Day*



*Fernando and Cathy take a break for the camera*





# Sisters Care at The Village

SISTERS CARE /  
CONNECTIONS

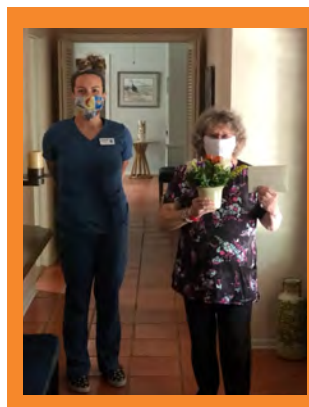
As 2020 comes to an end, we look back and recognize how we have grown despite the various challenges brought about by the pandemic. Although it has not been easy adjusting to a new normal, Sisters Care at The Village continues helping seniors within our community and throughout Bexar County.

We celebrate the many successes of our caregivers and clients by continuing to give back to the community that has supported us through it all. Sisters Care is honored to have been selected as the Alamo Area Home Care Council's AMIGO recipient for 2020 and 2021. This will help raise vital funding to assist more seniors within Bexar County through Project Elder Help. The program provides Sisters Care services for qualified older adults who would not otherwise be able to afford in-home care.



We are stronger because of the community of which we are a part. Sisters Care is committed to finishing out the year with the same faithfulness, tenacity, and courage that has gotten us through these unprecedented times.

**For more information, call 210-733-9800.**



Thank you to our dedicated office staff, caregivers, and families. You represent the values that make Sisters Care stand out above the rest!

## Check out this #TVIW Tribute for Sisters Care employee, Socorro Ytuarte



**"Socorro has dedicated 35 years to The Village. She inspires me with her true dedication to her job. I am proud to have her as my dear friend."**

**Elsa Santana**



## Connections Community Outreach: Fitness at Home and in the Park!

In 2020, COVID-19 disrupted Connections Community Outreach programming. We overcame obstacles for in-person activities by adjusting and adapting to virtual formats. Connections utilized digital platforms including YouTube, Zoom and Facebook making physical activity classes, dances, and more available safely online.

Connections is pleased to announce an addition to our health and wellness line-up! We worked with San Antonio's Fitness in the Park program to bring a new outdoor circuit training for beginner's class to the Southside. With social distancing enforced, a community that might not otherwise have access can now participate in this free course. We look forward to 2021 and opportunities for continued outreach program growth.



### JOIN US VIRTUALLY

We are currently offering Dance, Tai Chi Easy, Qigong and Mellow Yoga classes via:



\*For more info, email [jennifer.sotello@thevillageiw.org](mailto:jennifer.sotello@thevillageiw.org) or call 210-829-7561 x 187

# Employees of the Month

August - October

Congratulations to these stellar staff members!

## August



**Isabel Claudio**

Marketing  
since 2019

"Isabel interned with The Village while attending UIW, then joined the marketing department upon graduation. She is friendly and helpful as she assists with new resident move ins, and oversees health screening staff."  
- Alma Cosme, Vice President of Marketing and Business Development

After a long day at work, Isabel unwinds by listening to music, reading, and sipping her favorite coffee. Refining her art skills is also a favorite past-time.

## September



**Modesto Olvera**

Maintenance  
since 2014

"Modesto is great with the residents. He is polite, attentive, and has an incredible attendance record. His dedication shines on weekends, which he usually works in addition to weekdays. He never misses a shift!"  
- Ephraim Castilla, Director of Maintenance

Modesto says he appreciates the friendliness of residents and staff. During the era of COVID-19, he keeps busy and safe for the benefit of all those he serves at TVIW.

## October



**Jackie Carr**

Extended Care  
since 1995

"Jackie is an experienced certified medication aide who gives 100% every day to care for our residents. She has a positive attitude, beautiful smile, and is always willing to help!"  
- Annette Hernandez, RN, Director of Nursing, DeMatel Extended Care

When she isn't working, Jackie enjoys cooking Italian food for her family. The best compliment Jackie has received from a resident, "When you come into my room you are always happy and that lifts my spirits."

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### #TVIW Tribute

"In gratitude for ALL the staff who serve us."

Sisters Ann &  
Eleanor Geever, CCVI

## In Memoriam

Aug. 13 - Nov. 15, 2020

The Village at Incarnate Word is grateful for the opportunity to have served the following individuals:

*Omer Allard*

*Sr. Anne Marie Burke, CCVI*

*Kathryn "Kathy" Clark*

*Martha "Marcella" Denice*

*Marjorie "Marge" Everitt*

*Patrick Gardner*

*Vernon Griffith*

*JoAnn Hardee*

*Leo Jauregui*

*Mary Jurenovich*

*Sr. Agnes Keaveney, CCVI*

*Elizabeth "Betty" Keeffe*

*Emerence "Ann" Labus*

*Sr. Evelyn Lambert, CCVI*

*Mary Muniz*

*Danetta Powell*

*Vivian Roba*

*Barbara Ruben*

*Leonard "Len" Scotty*

*Joyce Snavelly*

*Eugene "Gene" Stanley*



# thank you

## Gifts received:

August 1, 2020 - October 31, 2020

Anonymous (multiple)  
Jay Beamesderfer  
Nancy Blythe  
Robert & Joan Carabin  
Geoff Crabtree  
Jane W. Crowther  
Joan Dixon  
Jeanette Eisenmenger  
Juanita Felder  
Marianne Fischer  
Hugh Fitzsimons Jr.  
Irene Golla  
Nellyvette Gonzalez-Martinez  
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Virginia Laura  
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Alan & Beverly McDonald  
Otis Montgomery  
Edna L. Moon  
Mildred Murray  
Moris Saide  
Elsa Santana  
Col. Ambrose Szalwinski  
TeamCare Rehab  
Vivian Vance  
Lilly Vasquez  
Mr. & Mrs. James Warrington  
Yvonne Weber  
Betty Yndo

### In Honor of...

*Bill & Paula Bailey*  
Niki Simpson  
*Sr. Mary Eustace, CCVI*  
*Sr. Margaret Mary Daly, CCVI*  
*Sr. Margaret Patrice Slattery, CCVI*  
Sr. Kathleen Coughlin, CCVI  
*Sr. Matilda Fagan, CCVI*  
Dr. Ann Nauman  
*Rick & Kay Grinnan\**  
Alma Cosme  
Geoff Crabtree  
Joan Dixon  
Jeanette Eisenmenger  
Paul & Cathy Harrison  
Sandy & Paul Klein  
Gregg & Syd Muenster  
Mary Jo Quinn  
Niki Simpson  
Dana Terracina  
Vivian Vance  
Lilly Vasquez  
Randy & Carol Vogel

*\*Rick & Kay matched all gifts given in their honor.*

Betty Pomeroy  
Andrew Pomeroy  
Judy & Paul Rosanno  
Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI  
TVIW 32nd Anniversary  
Anonymous  
Marie Baetz  
Phyl Brandt  
Sr. Regina Ann Brandt, CCVI  
Susan Brotheman (In Honor of the CCVI Sisters, Jeanette Eisenmenger, and Jane Fore)  
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Carlene Comer  
Alma Cosme  
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Geoff Crabtree  
Dr. Maria Cruz  
Joan Dixon  
Sr. Josetta Eveler, CCVI  
Elisa Garza  
Juanita Gatrell  
Paul & Cathy Harrison  
Margaret Hart  
Darrell & Karol Haydon  
Annette Hernandez  
Bob Hodnett  
Kathy Hurst  
Lynda Jennings  
Sandy & Paul Klein  
Mel & Dona Kotzur  
Terri Landez  
Virginia Laura  
Sr. Sarah Lennon, CCVI  
Ana Lirazare  
Sr. Margaret Mannion, CCVI  
Matt & Cathy Mohr  
Hortense Patterson  
Tammy Rivers  
Topacio Rodriguez  
N Rutkowski  
Moris Saide  
Elsa Santana  
Niki Simpson  
Helen Small  
Jesse Sosa  
Sr. Teresa Stanley, CCVI  
Yolanda Teniente  
Dana Terracina  
Rose Tillman  
Josephine Urbis  
Lilly Vasquez  
Randy & Carol Vogel  
Anissa Weddington  
Sr. Teresa Whyte, CCVI

### In Memory of...

Judith Barnett  
Joe McCormick  
Nancy Daleiden  
The Landez Family  
Stephanie Deavers  
Anonymous  
Marge Everitt  
The Eisenmenger Family  
Rose & Gerard Forck  
Sr. Bernadette Forck, CCVI  
Sr. Rose Mary Forck, CCVI  
Sr. Teresa Grabber, CCVI  
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Tom & Maryanne Guido  
Rosalinda Herrera  
Letty Arrowood  
Carol Knippa  
Martin L. Knippa Jr.  
Charles J. & Mary Anne Kolb  
Sr. Bernadette Forck, CCVI  
Sr. Rose Mary Forck, CCVI  
Lillian Levis  
Fred & Linda Villarreal  
Dr. James K. Lowry  
The Lowry Family  
James R. Mason and in Honor of TeamCare Rehab  
Marjorie Arnold  
Charman Bonazzo  
Paulette & Bob Brient  
Michael & Debra Hrcir  
Marie & Randall Hrcir  
Ronald & Carolyn Hrcir  
Ronald & Diane Stake  
Elizabeth Swanepoel  
Sharon & Wade Taylor  
Samuel Chilton Maverick  
Heather Rubsamen  
Michael McElhone  
Alan & Beverly McDonald  
Sr. Margaret Nugent, CCVI  
Sr. Dolores Doyle, CCVI  
Sidonia Parchman  
Jr. & Dee Troy  
Stephen Sanderford  
Trish & Rudy Zinsmeister  
Leonard Scotty  
The Eisenmenger Family  
Hon. Judge Gus Strauss  
Trish & Rudy Zinsmeister  
Joe & Jamie Tupa  
Wilma J. Schaefer  
Mr. & Mrs. Shirley Vaughn  
Sr. Shirley Vaughn, CCVI



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options at  
TVIW?**

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for more information.

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